GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Wi-Fi Facilities in Villages
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect all the villages of the country with Wi-Fi facility;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide Wi-Fi facility in the villages of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the number of villages and time by which they are likely to be provided with this facility and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e) Telecom Commission in its meeting on 14.12.2016 approved the revised implementation strategy of BharatNet project. It has been planned to provide 100 Mbps broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country by using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media. The project is planned to be implemented in three phases: Under first phase of the project, 1 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) are to be connected by laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) by March 2017. Under second phase, connectivity will be provided to remaining 1.5 lakh GPs in the country using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media, and provision of Wi-Fi Hotspots in all 2,50,000 GPs in the country including Gujarat which is targeted to be completed by December, 2018.

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